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Sir:

The following is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Communication dated 09/22/2006. This response comprises:

Amended Claims(attached) as submitted 06/27/2006 amended only as follows:

1. Claims not readable on elected species IV are now indicated as "withdrawn" per examiner's direction.
2. Typographical corrections to Claims 1 and 33 (indicated by double underline):
 - a. Claim 1, line 23: substitute "associated" in lieu of "associate".
 - b. Claim 33, line 4: add "second" before island.
3. Method Claim 48 (indicated withdrawn) is amended to be dependant on Claim 1 per examiner's direction, and for clarification of format.

Respectfully submitted,

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